

For Your Diaries : 2014

15 August, Vespers for the Feast of the Assumption

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16 August, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dove Catholic Fellowship invites all women to their meeting Saturday 16th August 1.15– 3.30pm at Connolly Hall (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Ruth Clark from Tauranga. Join us for praise and worship, solid biblical teaching, prayer ministry and fellowship. Enquiries Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

29 August, NZSO Haydn's Creation

The NZSO will be presenting Haydn's Creation in Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre on Friday 29 August 6.30pm. Under the direction of early music specialist Nicholas McGegan and featuring the Orpheus Choir of Wellington, Madeleine Pierard soprano, Robin Tritschler tenor and Jonathan Lemalu bass-baritone, this magnificent work retelling the creation of the world and taking inspiration from the Bible's The Book of Genesis, will surely enchant. For more details go to www.nzso.co.nz

5-7 September, Marriage Encounter Weekend

When was the last time you had a weekend away just for the two of you? Marriage Encounter is holding its weekend marriage enrichment experience on 5 – 7 September at the Magnificat Retreat Centre near Featherston. All couples deserve this special weekend which provides an atmosphere for couples to concentrate on each other in privacy, free of the usual distractions and pressures of modern life. To book on the weekend or obtain further information please phone Olivia & Brett on 0800 362 686.

3-5 October, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information is available for men and women. All enquiries strictly confidential. "There is hope for your future." Jer 31. Contact Wendy Hill on 027 254 9222 or visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

First Friday Taize Prayer at the Home of Compassion

All are welcome to join the Taize prayer group on the first Friday of each month. 7pm-8pm at the Home of Compassion Chapel, Island Bay.

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Parish website: www.smoa.org.nz

St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm,
& 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm-5:00pm

10th August 2014, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Launch of Fundraising for Church

The official launch of the fundraising for the Seismic Strengthening of the Church was held last Thursday evening. We are very grateful to the Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage, Hon Christopher Finlayson for hosting the Parish at Parliament. The launch was attended by over 300 parishioners and friends.

Sir Anand Satyanand, spoke on behalf of the Patrons and Brian McGuinness outlined the scope of the engineering work required to ensure the Church is strengthened to the best possible standard. It was evident at the launch that there is great interest and enthusiasm about the project. There is a lot of good-will from the greater Wellington community. However, as the saying goes; 'charity begins at home'. As parishioners we need to respond generously to the fundraising appeal so that the wider Wellington and national community know that each of us are doing our very best to ensure that we can once again 'open the doors' to worship in the Church.

Next week parishioners will be given the opportunity to respond. At each Mass a copy of the brochure that has been specifically printed for the Church strengthening project will be given to every parishioner. I invite all of us to respond generously. We need to begin work as soon as possible but that can only happen when we have sufficient funds.

Masses on the Feast of the Assumption

This Friday 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be four Masses at St Mary of the Angels:

7.30am
12.05pm
1.05pm
5.15pm

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest*

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Kings 19:9. 11-13
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33
Command me to come to you over the water.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 56:1. 6-7
Psalm 66
Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32
Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,525
Parish Expenses	\$3,077
Support of House	\$1,448



Responsorial Psalm 84

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Planned Giving and Tax Receipts

If you would like to join the St Mary of the Angels Planned Giving Scheme please contact the Parish Office. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions.

Prayer for Seismic Strengthening Work

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, you made us in your own image and likeness.

You gave us wisdom and understanding, grateful hearts and creative minds.

We pray that our beautiful Church will be strengthened against the peril of earthquake through the generosity of parishioners, the community of Wellington and people throughout New Zealand.

We ask, Lord, that you abundantly bless those who have already donated funds, skill and expertise to this project.

May St Mary of the Angels Church be a symbol of a unified community that will gather to praise and thank you.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.

SMAYACs Prayer Group

All young adults and the young at heart are invited to a time of prayer, reflection and readings every Thursday at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Perhaps you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith?

The Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life. St Mary of the Angels is holding an introductory evening on Tuesday 19th August at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall.

If you would like more information or wish to enrol please contact the Parish Office: email smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz or phone 473 8074.

A pamphlet with an invitation is available at Masses today. Please give one to someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith.

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

First Level Course: An Introduction to Christian Spirituality

Thursday 14th August, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street.

Theme: Spirituality and the Person in Relation to the World

Session 1: Introduction and Historical Consciousness – the Medium of Human Experience

Second Level Course: The Incomparable God - the Testimony of Israel

Wednesday 13th August, 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Theme: Israel's Counter Testimony

Session 3: B. The Hiddenness of God (Part 2) – B.1. The Hidden Rule of God – continued; B.2. God's Governance: Personification and Providence

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Phil King Turner sm, Fr Denis Scully sm, John Gordon, Maria Muollo, Bernard Hill

Anniversaries: Zenaida Angeles, John L'Strange, Fr John Goulter sm, Aiden McLean, Zita Outtrim, Paul Veltman, Suzanne Judd, Donald Urquat Hay, Maria Kasprovicz

Prayers for the Sick: Jeanette Parker, Richard Wright, Ann Ross, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Barbara Ross, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, Philip Birch, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Kathleen Phelan, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman



Please remember in your prayers, these and the other sick of the Parish. If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

Vespers for the Feast of the Assumption

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Peace in the Middle East

All of us are aware of the desperate situation of many people in the Middle East who are suffering from the effects of war. Caritas have issued a press release which can be found on their website: www.caritas.org

We are asked to not only pray for peace in the Middle East but also to respond to the Caritas appeal.



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